

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (Cancelled).

23. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:

a storage unit storing identifying information and quality evaluating information for said transaction target article;

a receiving unit receiving said identifying information and said quality evaluating information for said transaction target article;

a reading unit reading said quality information coincident with said received identifying information and quality evaluating information for said transaction target article; and

a transmitting unit transmitting said quality information to said requestor.

24. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 23, further comprising:

a transaction achievement information storage unit storing transaction achievement information containing completed transaction price information for a transaction target article;

a statistic value calculating unit calculating a statistic value of the transaction price for articles with the same component number and quality information as said transaction target article, where said reading unit locates and reads at least one transaction achievement information with the same component number and quality information as said transaction target article;

wherein said transmitting unit transmits said calculated statistic value of said transaction price to said requestor.

25. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 24, further comprising:

a necessary time related information storage unit storing information relating the time necessary to conduct a transaction for the transaction target article;

wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value for the time necessary on the basis of a single or a plurality of transaction achievement information accessibly stored on said transaction achievement information storage unit; and

said transmitting unit transmits said statistic value of said necessary time together with said statistic value of said transaction price to said user.

26. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 25, further comprising:

an extracting unit for extracting price, identifying information and quality evaluating information from stored transaction achievement information for transactions for said transaction target article conducted in a price range that includes the desired transaction price for said transaction target article received by said receiving unit; and

wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates the necessary time based on the extracted transaction achievement information; and

said transmitting unit transmits said statistic value of said necessary time based on information extracted from said transaction achievement information to said user.

27. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 25, wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value for said transaction price and a statistic value for the time necessary in each of a plurality of price ranges set for the transaction target article; and

said transmitting unit transmits said calculated statistic value of said transaction prices and said necessary time corresponding to each of said price ranges.

28. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 25, wherein said statistic value calculating unit calculates a statistic value for said transaction price and a statistic value for the time necessary in each of a plurality of advertising periods set for the transaction target article; and

said transmitting unit transmits said calculated statistic value of said transaction prices and said necessary time corresponding to each of said advertising periods.

29. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 24, wherein said quality evaluating information is a using period of said transaction target article; and

said quality information is said using period divided into a plurality of time periods corresponding to a using condition of said transaction target article.

30. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 29, wherein said statistic value calculating unit executes no process if said using period exceeds a predetermined limit.

31. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 23, wherein said quality evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item for said transaction target article; and

said quality information is an assessment rank corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented based on said answer to said question.

32. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 23, wherein said transaction target article is a component of a vehicle.

33. (New) A system providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 29, further comprising:

a maintenance information storage unit storing specific vehicle component information and information indicating when vehicle component exchange work or a vehicle cleaning work were performed; and

said using period is set as the period of time from carrying out said exchange work or said cleaning work to present,

where said receiving unit receives said specific vehicle component information in place of said using period information as said quality evaluating information and said specific vehicle component information identifies said transaction target article as the target of said vehicle component exchange work or said vehicle cleaning work.

34. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article comprising:

storing identifying information and quality evaluating information for said transaction target article;

receiving said identifying information and said quality evaluating information for said transaction target article;

reading said quality information coincident with said received identifying information and quality evaluating information for said transaction target article; and
transmitting said quality information to said user.

35. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 34, further comprising:

storing transaction achievement information containing completed transaction price information for a transaction target article;

calculating a statistic value of the transaction price where said reading unit reads at least one transaction achievement information with the same component number and quality information as said transaction target article;

wherein said transmitting unit transmits said calculated statistic value of said transaction price to said requestor.

36. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 35, further comprising:

storing information relating the time necessary to conduct a transaction for the transaction target article;

calculating a statistic value for the time necessary on the basis of a single or a plurality of transaction achievement information accessibly stored on said transaction achievement information storage unit; and

transmitting said statistic value of said necessary time together with said statistic value of said transaction price to said requestor.

37. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 36, further comprising:

extracting price, identifying information and quality evaluating information from stored transaction achievement information for transactions conducted in a price range that includes the desired transaction price for said transaction target article received by said receiving unit; and

calculating a statistic value of the necessary time based on the extracted transaction achievement information; and

transmitting said statistic value of said necessary time based on information extracted from said transaction achievement information to said requestor.

38. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 36, further comprising:

calculating a statistic value for said transaction price and a statistic value for the time necessary in each of a plurality of price ranges set for the transaction target article; and

transmitting said calculated statistic value of said transaction prices and said necessary time corresponding to each of said price ranges to said requestor.

39. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 36, further comprising:

calculating a statistic value for said transaction price and a statistic value for the time necessary in each of a plurality of advertising periods set for said transaction target article; and

transmitting said calculated statistic value of said transaction prices and said necessary time corresponding to each of said advertising periods to said requestor.

40. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 35,

wherein said quality evaluating information is a using period of said transaction target article; and

said quality information is said using period divided into a plurality of time periods corresponding to a using condition of said transaction target article.

41. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 40, wherein said statistic value calculating unit executes no process if said using period exceeds a predetermined limit.

42. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 34, wherein said quality evaluating information is an answer to a question about an assessment item for said transaction target article; and

said quality information is an assessment rank corresponding to an assessment score incremented or decremented based on said answer to said question.

43. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 34, wherein said transaction target article is a component of a vehicle.

44. (New) A method of providing price setting support information to a requestor for setting a price for a transaction target article according to claim 40, further comprising:

storing specific vehicle component information and information indicating when vehicle component exchange work or vehicle cleaning work was done;

setting said using period as the period of time from carrying out said exchange work or said cleaning work to present,

where said specific vehicle component information identifies said transaction target article as the target of said vehicle component exchange work or said vehicle cleaning work.